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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER

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1. STATE AND NSF, IN PARTICULAR DR. ATKINSON, ARE VERY PERTURBED ABOUT REPORT OF POLISH INTENTIONS TO USE COPERNICUS CENTER TO HOUSE SPACE RESEARCH FACILITY. STORY IS NOW IN POLISH-LANGUAGE NOWY DZIENNIK (4/8-9/78), BUT DOES NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO SPACE CENTER. DR. ATKINSON WANTS CLARIFICATION BY COB TUESDAY, APRIL 25. IF THE REPORT IS TRUE AND THE POLES DO NOT CANCEL THE PLAN, HE WILL NOT VISIT POLAND.

2. YOU, OR DCM, AS APPROPRIATE, SHOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT URGENTLY WITH PAN SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY KACZMAREK TO
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OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF POLISH INTENTIONS. WE ARE NOT ASSUMING THAT REPORT OF POLISH CONSIDERATION OF SUCH UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CAC IS NECESSARILY TRUE OR A FIRM DECISION. IF POLES CONFIRM THE REPORT, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD STATE OUR OPPOSITION, DRAWING ON POINTS IN REF.

3. IF KACZMAREK'S REACTION IS VAGUE OR EQUIVOCAL, YOU

SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH URGENT CALL ON SCIENCE MINISTER
KALISKI TO INFORM HIM OF OUR GREAT CONCERN AND OF

ATKINSON'S PERSONAL CONCERN. YOU SHOULD FURTHER INFORM
HIM THAT ATKINSON WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO
POLAND WITHOUT IMMEDIATE AND DEFINITIVE ASSURANCES THAT
POLES WILL NOT USE CAC FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT
PRESCRIBED UNDER TERMS OF NSF GRANT TO PAN FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF CAC.

4. REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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